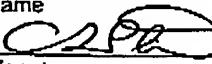


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In re application of: Anthony Noerpe!	Art Unit: 2681
Serial No: 10/074,759	Examiner: Julio R PEREZ
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Title: A System and Method for Providing Contention Channel Organization for Broadband Satellite Access in a Communications Network	

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 12/17/2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application.

This application is being amended as follows. Consideration of these amendments and the remarks provided herein are respectfully requested.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Petition for Extension of time is attached hereto. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.
- An extension for ___ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.
- Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- The fee for claims is calculated below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	8 -	15 =	0 x	\$ 50.00 =	\$	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 -	3 =	0 x	\$ 200.00 =	\$	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			N (Y/N)	\$ 360.00 =	\$	0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:					\$	0.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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